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TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT, WHITE HOUSE - EYES ONLY
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1. AT DINNER THIS EVENING FOR NASA ADMINISTRATOR FLETCHER, I ASKED KORNIYENKO INFORMALLY AND PRIVATELY WHETHER KUDIRKA WAS MAKING ANY PROGRESS ON HIS REQUEST FOR EXIT PERMISSION. WITHOUT HESITATION, KORNIYENKO REPLIED THAT KUDIRKA "SHOULD HAVE HAD HIS EXIT PERMIT BY NOW." ACCORDING TO KORNIYENKO, KUDIRKA'S MOTHER IS OPPOSING KUDIRKA'S WISH TO TAKE HIS WIFE TO THE STATES WITH HIM BECAUSE OF HER ALLEGED INFIDELITY DURING KUDIRKA'S INCARCERATION. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, KORNIYENKO SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE "FAMILY SQUABBLE" WOULD BE WORKED OUT AND THAT MATTERS COULD THEN TAKE THEIR NATURAL COURSE. HE GAVE NO HINT AS TO WHEN HE THOUGHT EXIT PERMISSION MIGHT ACTUALLY BE GRANTED, AND I DID NOT PRESS HIM.

2. KORNIYENKO'S COMMENTS REINFORCED THE IMPRESSION THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY GAINED FROM A CONVERSATION WITH HIS DEPUTY, FEDOSEYEV, THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT REMAINS PREPARED TO GRANT EXIT PERMISSION TO KUDIRKA, HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN AND HIS MOTHER, MRS. SULSKIENE.

3. HE AGAIN NOTED THAT "IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL" AT THIS TIME FOR THE EMBASSY TO CONTACT KUDIRKA, WHO IS STAYING WITH HIS MOTHER.

4. SUBSTANCE OF MY CONVERSATION BEING REPORTED TO YOU ONLY.
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